

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: SECRETARY OF LABOR'S NEW FREEDOM INITIATIVE AWARD

The U.S. Department of Labor is soliciting nominations for the Secretary of Labor's 2004 "New Freedom Initiative Award" presented by Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

The Award recognizes public-private partnerships and programs that have demonstrated a positive and measurable impact on the employment of people with disabilities through access to assistive technologies, the use of innovative training, hiring and retention techniques. It also recognizes those partnerships, programs or individuals who develop comprehensive strategies to enhance the ability of Americans with disabilities to enter and advance within the workforce of the 21st Century.

Additional information on the award and specific nomination criteria are available in the February 27, 2004, Federal Register or at [www.dol.gov/odep](http://www.dol.gov/odep) under the New Freedom Initiative tab. The information is also available by calling the Office of Disability Employment Policy, Education and Outreach Section, at (202) 693-780. The deadline for receipt of nominations is May 21, 2004.

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